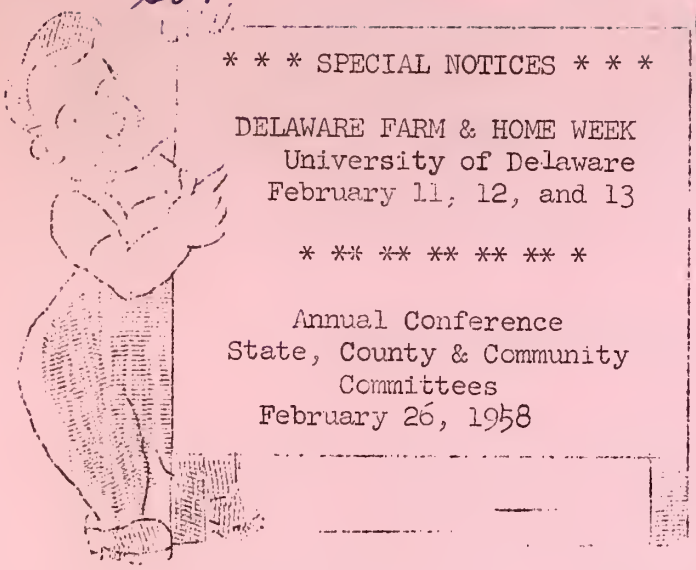

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FARM AND HOME WEEK

The 1958 Farm & Home Week will be held in Agriculture Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 11,12, and 13. The program covers Farm Business, as well as Home Economic subjects of interest to Farm Women. This year's Farm and Home Week program draws attention to some of the changes that will in one way or another, affect each of us.

Farmers and their wives should plan to attend as many sessions as possible.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

There will be a Conference of ASC State, County and Community Committeemen on Wednesday, February 26, 1958, in Capital Grange Hall, Dover, Delaware, beginning at 9:30 AM. Three members of the Washington Staff, USDA, will be present to discuss particular parts of the ASC programs, and help give our Committeemen a better picture of their part in administering the programs. The County Extension Agents and representatives of the Soil Conservation Service and Forestry Service have been invited to meet with us.

These conferences have proven valuable in the past, and we believe this one should also. The theme of the Conference is "Better Service to Farmers Through Better Administration."

CORN ACREAGE RESERVE DEADLINE - February 20

Agreements already signed for Corn Acreage Reserve may not be withdrawn after February 20, and anyone interested in putting their corn in the Acreage Reserve must be registered at their County ASC Office before this date. Delaware's allocation of $746,200 was used up early in the sign-up, which began January 13, on a first-come, first-served basis. If some states do not use all their allocations, this money will be turned over to states who can use it. If Delaware gets more, it will be assigned to the farmers in the order in which they registered in their County Offices.

A producer cannot receive more than $3,000 on any farm unit this year. Farmers in the Soil Bank for 1958 must not over-plant their permitted acres, which is the difference between what they put in Acreage Reserve and Conservation Reserve and their established Soil Bank Base.

AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Farmers are now signing up for 1958 Agricultural Conservation Program practices on which they desire cost-sharing, in order to do a better conservation job on their farms. The first sign-up ended January 25, in each county, and later filed applications will be considered by the County Committees each month as they are received, as long as there are funds available. Farmers with farm plans outlined by SCS, Extension, F.H.A., Vocational Agriculture or Forestry are given consideration by the County Committees.

CORN PRICE SUPPORT DEADLINE MARCH 31, 1958

Corn farmers wishing to place their 1957 crop of corn under loan or purchase agreements must do so before March 31, in Delaware. Farm-stored corn placed under loan must, except for moisture content, grade No. 3, or better, or No. 4 on the factor of test weight only, but otherwise No. 3 or better, and must meet the following additional requirements. The moisture content must not exceed 20.5 percent if tested during February, or 19.0 percent if tested during March. Corn placed under loan must not grade "weevily."

The maturity date will be April 30, 1958, in Delaware. Producers can pay off their loans by this date or be prepared to shell and deliver their grain at the time and place specified by CCC.

The Delaware support rates for No. 3 corn, farm-stored, is $1.55 per bushel for those farmers who complied with their corn acreage allotments and $1.25 per bushel for those farmers who harvested more than their corn allotment.

1958 CONSERVATION RESERVE

The sign-up period for Conservation Reserve contracts ends April 15. There is time for farmers to come into the County ASC offices and talk over various conservation practices for which they may earn payments under this long-range part of the Soil Bank Program. Special benefits are offered this year for forestry practices, especially if a farmer puts his entire farm in the Conservation Program.

The State Forester reports that here in Delaware, our forest acreage has dropped from 442,000 in 1945 to 392,000 as of 1957.

1958 WOOL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The 1958 Wool Incentive Program recently announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture will be similar to the program in effect during the current marketing year. The shorn wool incentive price in 1958 will be 62 cents per pound, as during the past three years. Producers who market wool during the 1958 marketing year will be eligible for a payment which will be an amount equal to the percentage rate times the proceeds from the sale of their wool. Payments will be made on the 1958 wool in the summer of 1959, when the tabulation of producers' returns are completed. Wool producers are urged to get the best possible price for selling their wool. This is important to the grower because under the percentage method of payment the higher the price the individual producer gets for his wool on the market, the larger his incentive payment is.

Wool growers must keep all sale records in a safe place as the accounts of sale are needed to support the producer's payment application.

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